

IN HEBER VALLEY

"I, Christina Carlile Giles, was born November 17, 1849, in Grusbury, England. My parents were John and Elizabeth Williamson Carlile. After joining the Latter-day Saints, or Mormons, in England, my parents were working to go to Utah. So, in 1850, father was able to leave for Utah—Zion. It was a continuous journey until we reached Council Bluffs, here we remained two years. Then father left for Utah with a wagon which was drawn by a yoke of cows and one oxen. Well, I remembered my chore was to give the churn dasher a dash or two at different times during the day as we traveled, then at night mother would take the butter from the churn which we enjoyed very much on our dry bread.

"We went to Provo, then to Palmyra, Utah County, from there father moved to Spanish Fork. Here we lived until 1859, then father moved his family to Provo Valley, later called Heber City. I went out and did house work, a little later I went to work for Mary Giles Crook, wife of John Crook, and here I met my husband William Giles, Jr. In those days, when young folks went courting they would go horseback riding, and sometimes a group of young men and women would go into the woods nearby and gather hops. They would say, 'we are going hopping today.' Hops were used to put in the yeast.

"William and I were married June 13, 1868, in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. We were the parents of thirteen children, four dying in infancy. I would go to the homes of expectant mothers and take care of them and the babies. William, my husband, took pneumonia in November and died on the 11th, 1895, at the age of fifty years. I was left with nine children. The doctors did all they could to save him. From then on I acted as midwife, which I did for many years. I would go through snow and sunshine to help those mothers who called for me. I helped bring 184 babies into the world."

Christina Carlile Giles was loved by all who knew her. She kept active until about a month before she died. She was ninety-three years of age when she passed away and the Tabernacle was filled to capacity for her services. — Ethel D. Johnson

Johanna Christine Handberg Nicol was born in Odense, Fyen, Denmark, March 11, 1839. She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints December 14, 1850. Seven years later she had accumulated enough funds through hard work to join the company of converts who left Copenhagen April 18, 1857 for America. When the ship docked in New York harbor Johanna, with other Danish Saints, went by rail to Iowa City, Iowa where she joined the handcart company captained by C. C. A. Christiansen. On

September 13, 1857, after a long and wearisome journey, the company arrived in Salt Lake City.

On the 11th of March, 1858 Johanna became the wife of Thomas Nicol, a widower with one child who lived in Heber City. The family moved to Moroni, Sanpete County for a time and then returned to Heber in 1861, where the remainder of her life was spent. During that same year, first an epidemic of scarlet fever and then diphtheria broke out in the small community taking the lives of three of her four children. They were all buried in a single grave. Although heartbroken at the loss of her own children Johanna worked unceasingly to save the lives of others. Realizing her lack of medical training it was then her sincere desire to take the course in nursing and obstetrics being taught by Dr. Romania Pratt Penrose in Salt Lake City. Soon she was selected to go as the representative from Wasatch County. During the months the course was in progress she studied hard and earnestly and when it was completed and the examination passed, she was given a certificate to practice.

After Johanna's return to Heber City her services were in great demand. She soon acquired a horse and buggy of her own for use during the summer months and a one-horse sleigh for winter driving. Every call was answered religiously although zero weather was common during the winter months in that area. "Aunt Hannah," as she was called, was a woman of great faith and she instilled confidence in her patients. She knew no fear and drove alone night or day to any of the seven towns in Wasatch County. For many years she was the leading midwife in the county having nine hundred births to her credit.

Mrs. Nicol was the mother of eleven children of her own and also reared a step-daughter, Dora, who was an invalid for many years. Even in the coldest weather Johanna, with a lantern in her hand, trudged to Dora's home to make her comfortable for the night. During all her years of service to other people her own family was never neglected, for motherhood was a sacred obligation to Johanna. She was extremely resourceful and when she found cases of privation she went to the homes of the more fortunate and secured food and clothing for those in need. Often she took her own medicines made from herbs gathered in the nearby canyons, and oatmeal gruel which helped the patient regain strength. Within her white-fenced lot grew lilacs, roses, pinks, larkspur, the sweet scented bergamot and other varieties and with these she gladdened the hearts of her patients. Her lovely bouquets also gave comfort in times of sorrow.

— Ida M. Kirkham

Ellen Clegg, the daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Highman Walmsley, was born January 5, 1816, at Parish Salisbury near Preston, Lancashire, England. She was married to Jonathan Clegg and became